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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Masahiro TOMIOKA

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For : LASER MICROSCOPE

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Examiner : A. Quash

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2001, the term for response to which is extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to December 8, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 8 and 9, without prejudice; and please substitute amended claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10-17 and add new claims 18-21 as follows:

1. (Amended) A multiphoton excitation scanning laser microscope, comprising:

(a) a station for placing a sample to be observed;

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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S. Dianne Franklin
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Dated: December 6, 2001

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